

WE ARE LAUNCHING AN ENCAMPMENT ON MCCULLOUGH LAWN RIGHT NOW!!

In solidarity with the people of Gaza, and in solidarity with students at Columbia and nationwide, we refuse to stand for Middlebury's complicity in the genocide of Palestine any longer. The administration and President Patton must respond to the following demands:

1. **Divestment & Financial Transparency:** Divest the Middlebury endowment of all holdings in companies that profit from or engage in Israel's ongoing military campaign, occupation, and apartheid policies. Commit to full financial transparency on all its investments.
2. **Freedom of Expression & Protester Amnesty:** As part of Middlebury's commitment to free speech, enshrine in policy that faculty, students, and staff are able to freely express support for Palestinian liberation without fear of institutional retaliation. Extend full amnesty to all protesters who have expressed themselves on Palestinian liberation. Commit to maintaining the employment of all college employees involved in pro-Palestine political expression.
3. **Academic & Cultural Boycott:** End recruitment of unvetted professors through the Israel Institute. Refrain from any form of academic or cultural association with Israeli institutions and businesses, in line with the [Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel](#). This boycott is of institutions, not individuals. **Palestinian Affiliations:** Cultivate direct affiliations with Palestinian academic and cultural institutions without requiring them to partner with Israeli counterparts. Just like with students from other war-torn areas, commit to helping displaced Gazan students study at Middlebury.
4. **End the Silence:** End Middlebury College's silence by releasing a public statement calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and condemning Israel's genocidal campaign against the Palestinian people.

We have tents, supplies, and planned activities and teach-ins to last for weeks. We humbly invite you() to join us in solidarity.

Palestine will be free 

— Gaza Solidarity Encampment @ Middlebury College